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LIEUTENANT GENERAL PAUL E. BLACKWELL APPOINTED TO RESERVE FORCES POLICY BOARD

Secretary of Defense William Perry has announced the designation of Lieutenant General Paul E. Blackwell as a member of the Reserve Forces Policy Board. He is the deputy chief of staff for Operations and Plans, United States Army, Washington, D.C.

The 22-member Reserve Forces Policy Board was created by Congress in 1952. Acting through the assistant secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, the board serves as the principle policy advisor to the Secretary of Defense on reserve component matters. Members include the assistant secretary responsible for reserve affairs from each of the military departments, and active and reserve component general and flag officers representing all Services, including the Coast Guard.

General Blackwell was commissioned through the ROTC program upon graduation from Clemson University with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture. He has served in many command positions including tours in Vietnam and Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

General Blackwell's military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with three V devices and five oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two V devices and three oak leaf clusters, and the Army Achievement Medal.

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